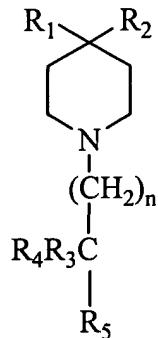


In the claims:

1. (previously presented) A compound represented by A:



A

wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted six-membered aromatic ring containing no heteroatoms;

R₂ represents RO-CH₂, RS-alkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

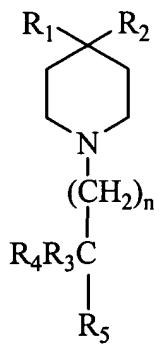
R₅ represents substituted phenyl group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxy;

n is 0, or 1; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is R, S, or a mixture of these configurations.

Claims 2-91 (canceled)

92. (currently amended) A compound represented by A:



A

wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted phenyl;

R₂ represents [[RO-CH₂]] R₆O-alkyl, RS-alkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents an optionally substituted phenyl carbocyclic aryl group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxy;

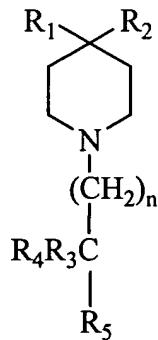
R₆ represents alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

n is 0, or 1; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is R, S, or a mixture of these configurations.

- 93. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ represents RO-CH₂; and R is H.
- 94. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R₂ represents R₂ represents R₆O-alkyl; and R₆ is acyl RO-CH₂; and R is H.
- 95. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R₅ represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.

96. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 92, wherein R₅ represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
97. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ represents RO-CH₂; R is H; and R₅ represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
98. (**currently amended**) The compound of claim 92, wherein R₂ represents R₆O-alkyl; and R₆ is acyl RO-CH₂; R is H; and R₅ represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
99. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ represents RO-CH₂; R is H; and R₅ represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.
100. (**currently amended**) The compound of claim 92, wherein R₂ represents R₆O-alkyl; R₆ is acyl RO-CH₂; R is H; and R₅ represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.
101. (**new**) A compound represented by A:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl;

R₂ represents RO-alkyl, (R)₂N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, RO-cycloalkyl, (R)₂N-cycloalkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R_4 represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R_5 represents an optionally substituted thiophene group;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is R, S, or a mixture of these configurations.

102. (new) The compound of claim 101, wherein R_1 is optionally substituted phenyl.
103. (new) The compound of claim 101, wherein R_2 is RO-alkyl.
104. (new) The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 0.
105. (new) The compound of claim 101, wherein R_2 is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.
106. (new) The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R_3 is H, alkyl, or F.
107. (new) The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R_4 is H, alkyl, or F.
108. (new) The compound of claim 101, wherein R_1 is phenyl, R_2 is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.